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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: H.R. Horvitz et al.

Art Unit: 1642

Serial No.: 09/087,136

Examiner: N. Johnson

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Title: TUMOR SUPPRESSOR PATHWAY IN C.ELEGANS

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5-31-wPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicants petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed on October 13, 1999 be extended for three months, to and including April 13, 2000.

Enclosed is a check for \$870.00 for the required fee. If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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